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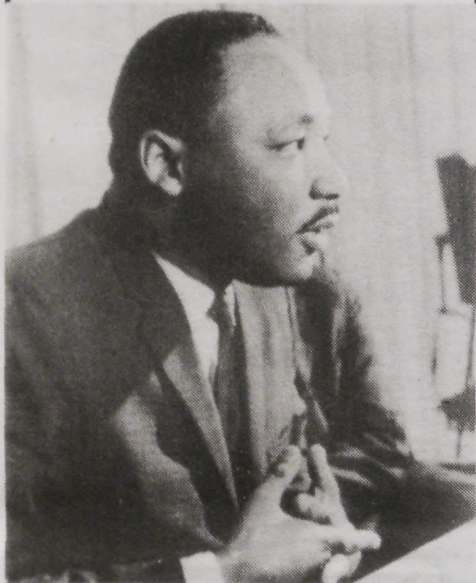
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Housing Need For Low Income Residents Is Even Greater Than It Was Twenty Years Ago

Despite the despair felt when the air cleared after the shooting, looting and deaths in the Newark riots of 1967, there remained people who believed in Newark. Looking beyond their miserable circumstances, they began to meet and talk and to listen to the concerns that were expressed by Newark people.

The lack of decent and affordable housing was one of the greatest concerns and the issue which many felt triggered the violence that raged in our Central Ward streets. Many Newark residents were paying extremely high rents in return for cold water flats whose walls were covered with peeling lead-based paint that threatened to poison their children. They were infested with rodents and bugs which were unhealthy, yet impossible to eliminate.

**In Memory Of
Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 18th**



We Are All Kin

We are all kin — Oh, make us kin indeed!
Spirit of Christ, we answer to Thy call
Our Father makes of us one family
One infinite great love doth claim us all
All one in Him!

We are all kin, though wide our various ways,
Spirit of Christ, that lives within all life,
Break down the barriers that time has reared,
Heal every wound and end the fruitless strife!

John Oxenham

Ironically, there were communities situated only a bus ride away that were on oasis in comparison to what was available to Central Ward residents, but moving to the North Ward or even to the South ward was as impossible as moving to Beverly Hills. The problem was the same in either place. "I can't afford to live there."

Many people moved into apartments where they knew they would

become victims of fires. They were fearful but they had no alternative — they needed a place to live.

At this point thankfully, a few people with a lot of vision took on the task of bringing decent and affordable housing to Newark's Central Ward. The group that is now the New Community Board of Directors began a plan for housing which would move their vision to a reality for the people who were Newark.

The group targeted a large abandoned and deprived area for restoration. Next, they took on the task of identifying money which would fund an affordable housing development for poor and low income families.

After listening to the needs and suggestions of the Newark people, a creative financial package was developed. Shortly thereafter, the first New Community development

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More Than 1,000 People Found Jobs In 1987

1,059 people found jobs during 1987 through New Community Corporation Employment Center!

The year was one of great accomplishment during which we recognized the special employment needs of Hispanic and Haitian job seekers by assigning full-time counselors to these groups, modified our Youth Employment Project to channel energies toward the younger 16 to 18-year-old applicant, opened a second office in Newark's Central Ward where poverty, unemployment and despair ravage the lives of many

who live here, and improved administrative and technological aids to help cope with the growing demand for services from local employers and the still tens of thousands of unemployed people in the metro Newark area.

We were busy! With more than 200 employers calling us each month to let us know about many of their unadvertised job openings, and up to 250 applicants coming in each month to meet with counselors who would then make job referrals...we barely took time to step back and notice the

astounding progress we had made.

But we did pay attention to the needs of those who sought our no-fee employment counseling and placement services. We noticed that employers continue to appreciate the reduced advertising expense and interviewing time made possible by the Employment Center. We watched as our network of employers hired applicants in record numbers and eagerly spread the word to other employers that New Community is in touch with all kinds of people in the labor market.

We noticed the needs of job seekers for a chance at a first job, for a better job, for a position that didn't require English, for an employer who would

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Looking To 1988

As we begin our New Year, the Board for New Community cannot help but reflect on their twenty years of developing housing and providing economic opportunity for low and moderate income people.

Housing is in greater need today than twenty years ago. It is reported that there are 8,000 homeless families in Newark alone. The waiting list for subsidized housing is best described as astronomical. What has happened?

The first significant housing bill since 1981 was just passed by Congress and signed by the President. Seven years has passed without a major housing bill. We should not be surprised at our present housing condition. On the local level, the announcements of new housing for middle income people without the construction of low and moderate income housing produces a state of depression and resentment in the many who cannot find affordable housing.

There must be a greater sensitivity to the needs of the people who presently live in Newark, those who have experienced its difficult years and now need to share in its hope. The Federal Government is the only

financial source of significant amounts of deep subsidy. Historically, New Jersey has been among the leaders in financing low and moderate income rental units. This must again become our State's focus. The transfer of monies under "Mt. Laurel" is slow and administratively expensive. The State needs a dedicated tax for housing in order to develop a pipe line of housing development.

The city needs to provide a special tax abatement which is available only for low and moderate income housing. To use the same formula for the poor as for the middle income people is wrong. The city needs to place conditions upon the sale of city owned land which includes a significant low and moderate income requirement. Finally, the city should assist the low and moderate income housing developer with the infrastructure costs of development.

Twenty years ago the Lilley Report commissioned by Governor Richard Hughes reported that housing was the most significant issue in New Jersey. It seems we have not learned from history.

Tree Lends Magic To St. Joseph Plaza



See story on page 2

Gloria Chambers Commended

There is a new Certificate of Merit hanging in the New Community Social Services office.

The State of New Jersey recently commended Gloria Chambers for the fine work she is doing as Coordinator of Congregate Housing Service in New Community, Newark, and Essex County.

Ms. Chambers, herself a resident of New Community Gardens Families, has been coordinating this program for the State of New Jersey for over a year. Its aim is to assist frail but independent elderly and disabled people to remain in their own homes by supplementing what they are able to accomplish for themselves in the areas of housekeeping, shopping, and light personal care.

Once a week, on Saturday, clients come together to have breakfast and to socialize. At the same time, the following day's breakfast is available for take-out. Twenty-two clients and three caregivers participate in this program. Clients pay for services according to their ability and a grant from the state of New Jersey funds the balance of the cost.

What Gloria Chambers likes best about the Congregate Housing Program is having the opportunity to help those who are unable to help themselves.

Ms. Chambers also coordinates the Home Friends Program for New Community. This program, which employs 10 caregivers for 60 clients is essentially the same as the Congregate Program, however, it is totally funded by the Essex County Division on Aging. In the NCC program there are no congregate meals; Home



Gloria Chambers

Friends cook for their clients who are in need.

New Community houses a second Home Friends Program which serves the remainder of Essex County. Elsie Best is the coordinator of that program.

Congratulations, Gloria. We are proud that these important services are being delivered with such interest and care.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

UPS Turkeys Cheer Residents

United Parcel Service of Secaucus brought some much-needed Christmas cheer this Holiday Season to families and seniors in the New Community Network.

Just before the holiday that celebrates the spirit of giving, Peter Valente of United Parcel Service called to offer 20 turkeys to the Employment Center. "We selected New Community because it has helped us during the year in staffing our buildings. Mary Bins and Michael Jackson were especially helpful," said Valente who supervises the Personnel Department.

The Employment Center turned the turkeys over to the NCC Social Services department which then "distributed them among the senior citizens buildings for their Christmas celebrations, and also offered them to families who live in New Community," said Sr. Anastasia Hearne.

Many thanks UPS. Your thoughtfulness and generosity is just the sort of thing that brings meaning to the Holiday Season.

Elizabeth F. Dougherty, D.M.D.

and

Audrey Malone, D.M.D.

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Benny Builds A Tree

When Soledad Alston from NCC's Board of Directors had an idea for a Christmas tree using all poinsetta plants she knew whose help to ask to make it a reality.

Ms. Alston shared her idea with Benedicto Sarmiento, right arm and maintenance man of St. Rose of Lima Rectory. After explaining what she wanted, Soledad left Benny to find a way to build a container to receive the plants which would then become the beautiful holiday focal point in the atrium of St. Joseph Plaza.

The hundreds of people who marveled at the exceptionally creative tree with its miniature sparkling lights are testimony to the artistry of both Ms. Alston and her dedicated helper.

Benny, working in his shop at St. Rose, designed and cut the wood, putting the tree frame together and painting it at the rectory. It was then transported to St. Joseph Plaza where Soledad worked her magic with the lighting and added the bright red poinsettias.

Benny, who comes from the



Benedicto Sarmiento

Philippines, is always there to help, and restores bathrooms, lays tile or fixes the lights as the need arises. He began his work with the NCC network 3½ years ago at Babyland.

Perhaps this is his finest creation yet, since it gave Glory to God in such a beautiful way.

Priory Enjoys Best Month

The Priory Restaurant at St. Joseph Plaza enjoyed its best month of the year and possibly its best month ever. Manager Senathirja Natesan, was most pleased to report 29 functions for the month of December, which included the New Year's Eve Dance.

Some affairs were held for large groups of 100 to 150 persons. Many Newark employers brought groups of employees for lunch or dinner for the holidays. Breakfast meetings were also much in demand. Dinner buffets

and even a fashion show rounded out the numerous activities.

The staff worked long hours around the clock to accommodate the need. Mr. Natesan wants them to know that Management appreciated their hard work and endurance.

To show their appreciation, the Management set up a special Christmas Party for the staff as a way of thanking them for their efforts which made the month of December such a success.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact the Development Office at (201)623-2800 ext. 206.

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Housing Stock Diminishing...

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called New Community Homes, was built in the heart of the Central Ward. NCC constructed 120 units of family apartments with 1, 2, 3, 4 bedrooms. Today, that complex is surrounded by 2,300 units of housing built with its focus on the needs of the people of Newark. Many who once lived in this area in run-down and crumbling substandard housing have joyfully returned to their old neighborhood to live in spacious, beautiful town houses and garden apartments.

Paradoxically however, the media is drawn by the big spenders promoting the new building going on today in Newark, and other urban areas nearby, at \$70,000 to \$100,000 per unit. Most Newark residents cannot afford this housing. Very little attention is given to the increasing needs of those already living and working here who look for decent and affordable housing every single day and cannot find it — it simply doesn't exist! The need has grown and the housing stock is diminishing.

The residents of New Community take great pride in their accomplishments. They have proven

that there is life in the Central Ward. They rejoice in beautiful housing. They are concerned residents who are registered and organized voters and have used the power of that vote to the benefit of the masses. Without the vision of New Community, the dignified and beautiful complex that we reside in would not be possible for us at our income level.

Had the Board of New Community enjoyed the resources of the newcomers with purchasing power by the millions, the Central Ward would already be a model city with affordable housing, supermarket, recreation center, cleaners, drug stores, bakeries, doctors' offices and all the other amenities common to the average citizen.

The need today is just as great or worse than that of 1967. We must again take our voice to the seat of government and demand federal, state and city attention to the need of the poor for shelter. We cannot turn hardworking people out on the streets.

Shelter is everyone's human right! Write your legislators and inform them of your support.

Georgia Ransome

Leadership Institute Gets Underway

Plans are well underway for the Leadership Institute sponsored by the New Community Network.

Representative employees and tenants of New Community, and parents of children in St. Rose of Lima School or Babyland I, II, or III have been invited to participate.

The initial session of the Leadership Institute will consist of eight weekly two hour classes beginning January 12. A Special Saturday Event, to celebrate participants' accomplishments, is being planned for March 5.

Each class will include three segments: discussion of a current issue by knowledgeable Network members; introduction of a communications skill designed to assist participants to become involved in the issue; and time for individual assimilation and practice of the new skill. Each week, Sr. Doris Ann Bowles, O.P., who was a popular speech and drama teacher at Caldwell College for several years before coming to New Community as Director of Operations, will present the latter two segments.

Issues to be addressed are: Grass-

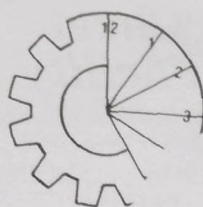
roots Leadership; New Community history, goals, philosophy and future projects; and Newark's political, economic, housing and health care scenes.

This is not the first time New Community has sponsored a Leadership Institute. It is an idea whose time has come...again. We hope through this program to offer our people a means of making those changes that will energize and empower them towards greater effectiveness in their private and public lives.

We hope too that this first series will enjoy great success which will lead to the Leadership Institute's taking its place as a permanent part of the New Community Network.

As this begins to happen, you can look for re-runs of the initial segment, probably on different days and times, and offered to diverse groups such as youth and children. Eventually we'd like to expand the Institute's program offerings to include reunion lectures and support groups.

If the enthusiasm and cooperation we have seen so far is any indication, this undertaking should be dynamite.



More Than 1,000 Jobs...

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89 people were placed in December

value an earned degree, for a job you can reach by bus, for better pay.

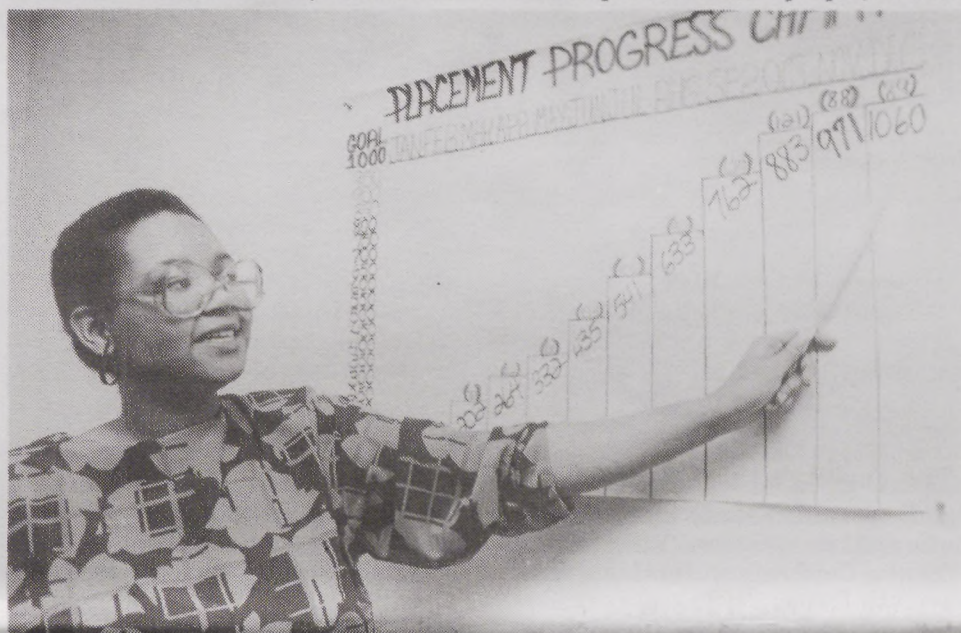
We listened when a 17-year-old young man said he had quit school because he wasn't being taught anything. He said he wanted to work instead. We told him how he could go about accomplishing both objectives while building a firmer foundation for his future, than the misguided course he at first planned to follow.

We took positive action when we heard the man tell the story of his new move to New Jersey and his in-

Receptionist position.

We heard when an applicant said he wanted to change his work pattern of factory and warehouse jobs and move toward administrative work. After assessing his skills through testing, he was indeed referred for such a position. We were overjoyed when he used his newly-acquired interviewing and negotiating skills to receive a higher starting salary than the employer initially stated.

New Community Employment Center put all of these people, as well



Michelle Odum points with pride to the end of a record-breaking year.

ability to find work, in spite of his skill at commercial air conditioning and refrigeration repair, because he didn't know the area.

We applauded when the 48-year-old woman who began college at age 44 received a B.A. in Early Childhood Education, failed her teacher's exam by 10 points, came back with even more determination to find a position utilizing her skills — and did!

We empathized with the pain of one young woman who searched for work for six months in vain. With only cashier experience to draw on, she felt certain she could break the cycle and move into a desired office position. Following our policy of retaining employment at least six months, she first accepted an entry level clerical job and then came back for a referral to a more skilled and better-paying

as hundreds of others, to work during 1987. Without concerned employers and committed job seekers, none of it would have been possible. We pause now to say — JOB WELL DONE!

Toward Full Employment,
L. Michelle Odom

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

New Community Corporation Employment Center is a non-profit, no-fee employment service for the people and employers of the metropolitan area. If you'd like to reduce your advertising expense and interviewing time, let us know of your job openings. If you need help finding a job — or a better job — just call for an appointment. Employers and job seekers may reach us at (201) 643-3828.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS AT THE PLAZA



The Atrium resounds with harmony from St. Rose of Lima's School Choir.

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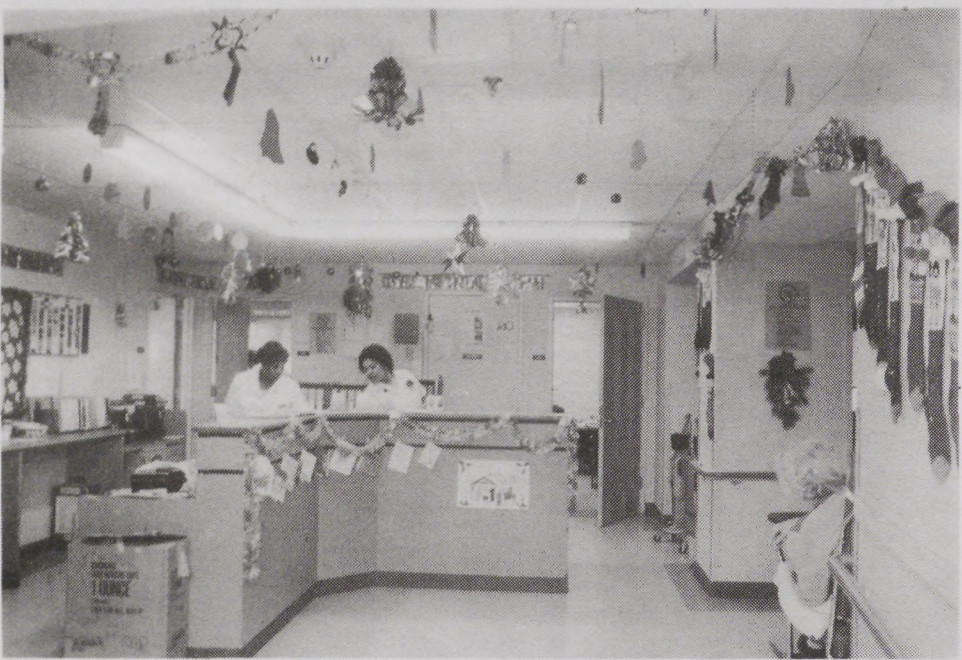
Volunteers Spread Holiday Cheer Throughout Extended Care Facility

December is the most festive and loving time of year. During this month we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and his love by giving to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The adage of Christmas being a time for giving, was reflected all month.

There were many visitors to the Extended Care Facility, each bringing the gift of love to those who are often times forgotten. They sang Christmas carols, decorated the lobby and real-

Christmas Party for the residents on December 23, 1987. There was delicious food, music by pianist Curtis Watkins and Santa himself came to distribute presents. The residents were delighted and enjoyed the festive holiday season.

Sincere thanks to all of you who made a difference this holiday season. Groups helping were: NCC Social Services Youth Department, Youth Tri Block, Women's Auxiliary of the



The Facility's third floor: all decked out for the holidays.

ly did spread cheer to the residents.

Several residents were treated to a "Senior Celebration" luncheon sponsored by University Hospital. Others were taken out by the Chaplain to Christmas lunch at local churches. The Board of NC Manor Families (225 Hunterdon) donated a video cassette recorder to the Extended Care Facility.

The Activities Department gave a

UFW, Union Chapel Church, Bethany Baptist Church, St. James AME Church, Phillips Metropolitan Church, The Salvation Army, University Hospital Extended Care, The NCC One Forty Gospel Group, The New Testament Church, Congregational Baptist Church, NC Manor Families, NC Gardens, Boy Scout Troop #574 from 13th Avenue School and St. Rose School.



HEALTH REFLECTIONS

The practice of Medicine is a serving profession, one that exists not for its own sake but for the benefit of others. The introduction of Medicaid and Medicare has helped out but not necessarily solved the health problem of the aged. In New Community the Health Care Center at St. Joseph Plaza was instituted so that the senior citizens could have their own doctor and in this we are in the forefront of care of the elderly. Newark, particularly the Central Ward is unique in that it has 4 hospitals within a mile of each other. We are literally surrounded with the potential of good medical care.

What needs to be addressed might simply be some insight to Aging. This approach to the community might be in group sessions at regularly scheduled times and places e.g. St. Rose's School, the New Community Medical Day Care Center or in the individual apartment complexes.

The discussions would include the following or what might be added by request: 1) What is Old Age all about? 2) How do we get to understand the process of aging? 3) How does one ac-

commodate to life changes?

We can learn to accept these changes in the light of understanding. We can learn about the importance of diet, exercise, and stimulating activity, and begin to recognize a little about the diseases that are generally a part of aging, such as hypertension (high blood pressure), chest pain, angina, coronary artery disease, strokes, vascular disfunctions. We can discuss degenerative diseases such as diabetes, kidney trouble, arthritis and lastly senile dementia when we, unknowingly, lose some of our faculties to comprehend our situation.

All these concepts could be explained with instructors — people from the medical community.

I would appreciate hearing from all of you as to your interest in participation.

Growing old is automatic. To understand it can be a helpful guide to allow us to adjust to life's constant swings.

Paul A. Kearney, M.D.

Medical Director,

NCC Extended Care Facility

Babyland II

On December 22nd 1987, Babyland II had its Annual Christmas Party. The staff presented gifts to the children. Sister Helene and Ms. Soledad Alston enjoyed the fun. After-

ward, the staff presented a special gift to Sister Helene and Ms. Alston to show their appreciation for making this year's party special.

Sylvia Parker



Sporting gifts of a pretty pink blouse and a hand-made money tree card, Soledad Alston (L) and Sr. Helene (center) share their pleasure with Mary Alice Smith.

The NCC 140 Gospel Chorus (above left) sings spirited gospel and Christmas carols to appreciative residents.

A group of NC After School Program singers (at left below) entertain their audience of seniors, to everyone's delight.



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624-2020.

Vista Workers Celebrate



The VISTA Volunteer tutors of the After-School Program enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at St. Joseph's. Seated left to right are Mowbrey McKinley, Vista project director, Bertha Walker, Marlene Martin, Geraldine Wise, Bertha Brown, and Mae Harper. Not present were Orelia Stevens, Michelle Wilson, Mary Watson and Diane Jones. The luncheon was ended with a delicious Maple Walnut "in appreciation" cake. The tutors are performing a fine job with the children in the After School Program located at 220 Bruce Street and St. Rose of Lima School.

New Community Associates

Tuesday, December 22nd, Sister Veronica Kaiser, Doris Crenshaw, and Bertha Whatley, were presented plaques from the tenants of NC Associates (180).

Sister Veronica was recognized for her patience and help with filling out forms, and seeing about the personal needs of some of the tenants. Her caring includes making sure that a certain tenant comes to lunch and gets his vitamin, and making sure that there are refreshments available

the patience and time she puts into it goes unappreciated. If it wasn't for Doris using her "Gifts of Art" our building would look rather downcast. Thank you, Doris for caring enough to keep 180 beautiful. Doris is also the president of the Tenants Association and New Community Advisory Board for Seniors, Disabled, and Handicapped.

Bertha Whatley, a volunteer worker was cited for her work as a receptionist in the Nutrition Site, and



Caught between laughter and tears, Sr. Veronica Kaiser is presented with a plaque of appreciation from her building's tenants by Phyllis Burton.

when we have movies. She has worked hard trying to get a television that was stolen replaced and to get us a V.C.R. We want you to know Sister Veronica, that we do appreciate you.

Doris Crenshaw, "Lady D" as she is called by most of us, or even "Paper Lady," also was honored. "Lady D" keeps our building beautifully decorated for all occasions. Whatever the holiday or affair, her artistic work corresponds. Her beautifying is not done in any old way, but with lots of thought, work, and care. She loves her work, but many times it seems

in other areas when asked. She is a member of the 180 Inspirational Gospel Chorus and a past president. Bertha is also treasurer of the New Community Advisory Board for Seniors, Disabled, and Handicapped.

Hawking Christmas trees to passing traffic — a real bargain at \$10 per tree — St. Rose of Lima students do a brisk business along West Market Street. Money from their sales goes toward the purchase of choir robes for St. Rose's chorus.

Security Corner

The New Community Security Department has selected Security Officer Eric McCain, as **Security Officer of the Month**, for the month of December, 1987.

Security Officer McCain, was selected because of his loyalty and unselfish dedication to duty.

Officer McCain joined the NCC Security Force on September 17, 1986, and since that time, has main-

233 West Market Street, has worked nearly every security detail. He has earned the respect and confidence of everyone, wherever assigned. His willingness to pitch in whenever needed, is evident in the fact that there is hardly a time that he fails to call in on his days off to volunteer his services if needed.

The Director of Security, James DuBose said, "wherever New Com-



S/O Eric McCain is congratulated for his excellent work by Sr. Rita Calabrese.

tained an excellent attendance record. He has never been late, preferring to report for duty at least a half hour to an hour before time.

The ever immaculately dressed officer is a great lover of all animals. As he puts it, "animals don't deceive; people do."

McCain, who is permanently assigned to the Saint Joseph Plaza,

munity Security is going in the future, it is the commitment and loyalty of officers like McCain that will get us there."

Security Officer McCain was presented a plaque by Sr. Rita Calabrese, treasurer of New Community, on behalf of the NCC Security Department and Katzins Uniform Company of Newark, co-sponsor of the program.

NC Gardens Seniors Party

It was the week before Christmas, December 18, and all through 265 So. Orange Avenue, just about every resident was preparing for the NC Gardens Seniors Christmas Party.

The first floor was beautifully decorated, from the entrance where a gorgeous tree extended itself in welcome, to the community room, where Edna Gillian and her helpers really outdid themselves. Puffy letters proclaimed "God Bless You" from the bulletin board. Multi-hued garlands and lights transformed the side wall into a starry sky. Tables were decorated with ceramic Christmas trees, and mounds of presents were stacked under the community room tree — something for

everyone there.

The food was scrumptious. Because everyone brought his or her favorite covered dish to share, the buffet included everything from soup to nuts, with cranberry sauce enough to last until the end of time.

Building leaders prepared food baskets for those tenants who were going to be alone on Christmas Day, and each resident received a personal Christmas remembrance thanks to the generosity of members of Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Franklin Lakes.

After dinner, Danny, our favorite Dee-Jay, provided music for dancing far into the night. We all had a wonderful time.

Edna Davis

Money Does Grow From Trees



★ ★ ★ ★ Highlights Of 1987 At New



Shopping Center approval



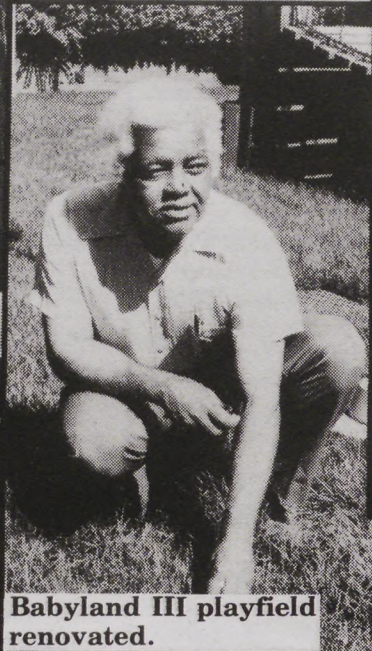
Vista Volunteers arrive



NCC's Older Americans King and Queen



Chinese Children's Chorus



Babyland III playfield renovated.



Award to Sr. Clare for domestic violence work

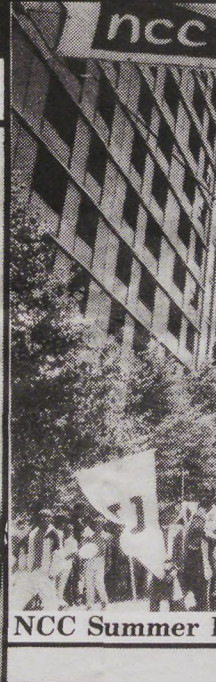
Employment office opens branch



NJ Housing 20th Anniversary



New home for Grace Jackson



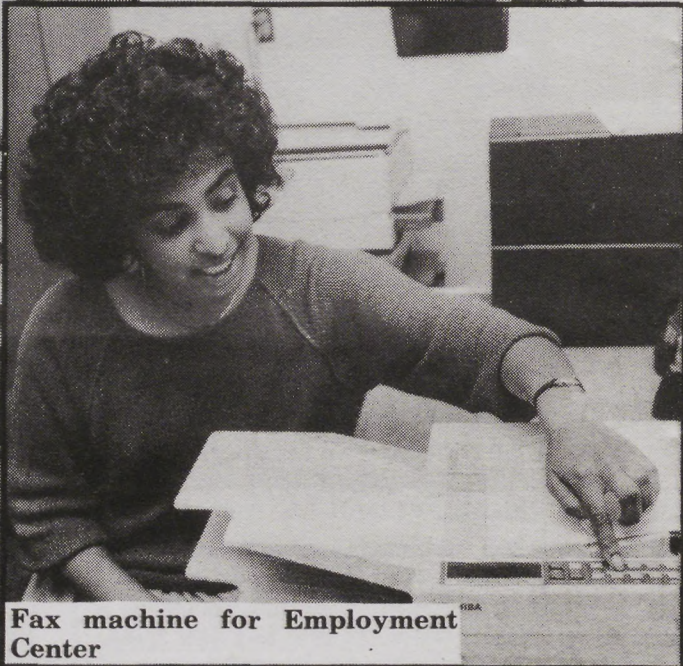
NCC Summer



St. Joseph hosts TV special



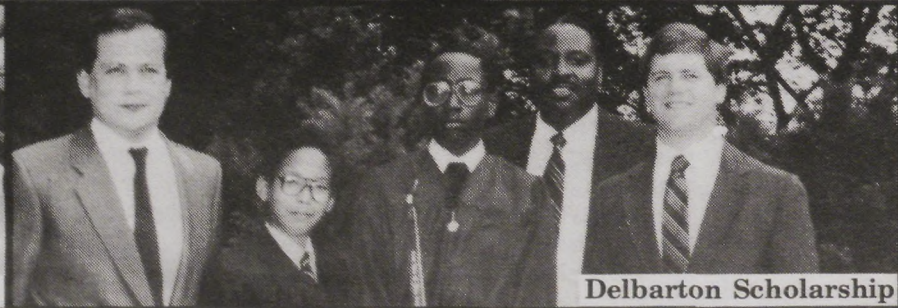
Babyland provides opportunity for summer youth employment



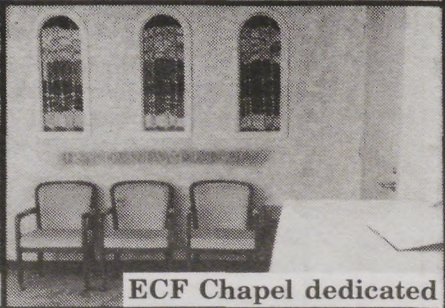
Fax machine for Employment Center



New reading program at St. Rose



Delbarton Scholarship



ECF Chapel dedicated

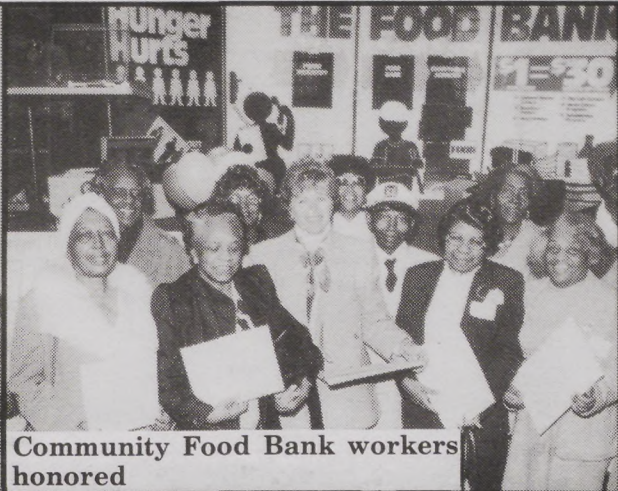


Spring at New

New Community Network



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Community Food Bank workers honored



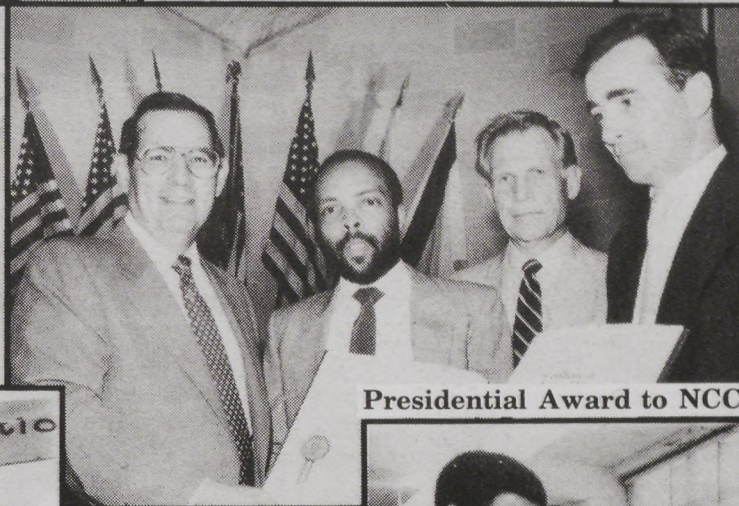
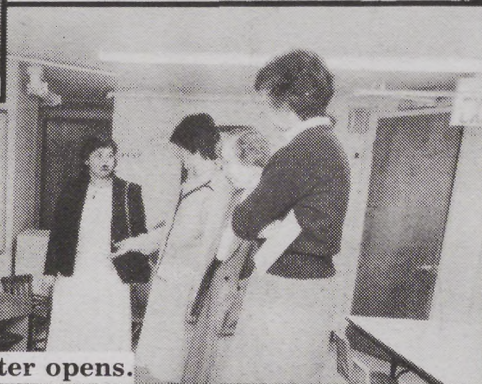
Commissioner of Human Services tours NCC



University Hospital's Nursing Assistants train at ECF



Newly renovated shelter opens.



Presidential Award to NCC



Wang word-processors installed



Clarion circulation at 12,000



ECF First Anniversary.



Cooperative Science Program in action



Robert Lilley is remembered



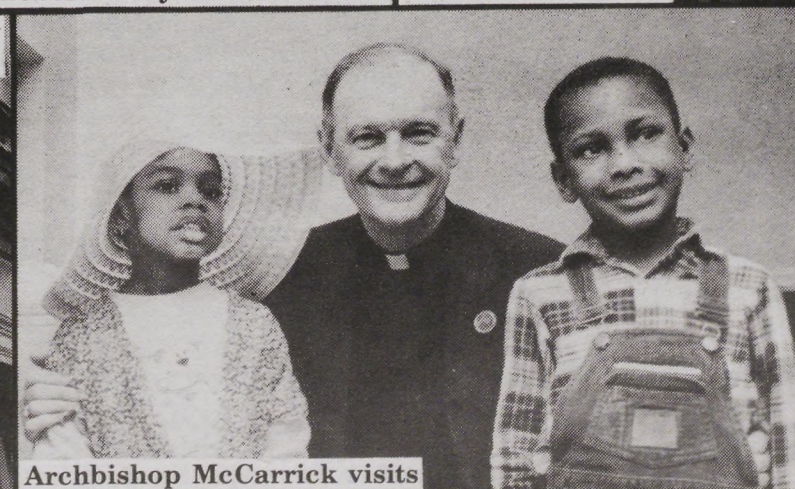
Homemaker-Health Aide program rescued.



Recycling begins



Springfield Library temporarily at Newton Street School



Archbishop McCarrick visits



Demolition for ice cream plant begun

FOOT FACTS:

Neuromas: Agony of De-Feet

Office Hours at St. Joseph's Plaza
9 - 12 Mon.
9 - 12 every 2nd & 4th Sat.

Morton's neuroma is an incredibly painful condition affecting the foot. What brings it on is still uncertain — even in this day of medical breakthroughs. A neuroma is a thickening and/or swelling of the sensory nerve. Why this thickening of the nerve occurs is not known for sure, but some believe it is a result of irritation to the nerve by a neighboring ligament. Women seem to experience neuromas more often than men, so high heeled shoes may be a factor in development — but no one knows for certain.

The pain from a neuroma — episodic in nature — is at first usually bearable — sort of a dull stinging and slight discomfort from the area. Pain progresses, however, to sporadic pain of an excruciating level, which radiates into the involved toes and feels like it is taking over the entire foot. It has been said that sufferers often feel compelled to remove their shoes to flex and massage the toes

Dr. Kenneth
Frank

Podiatrist



rapidly to gain some relief. Whether this works or not is questionable.

Surgery is usually not the first course of action, however. Those with a neuroma may at first be candidates for a more conservative line of treatment, such as alterations to the shoe, cortisone injections into the area, or orthotic devices placed in the shoe. If none of these measures work, then surgery is the desired course of action and is most effective in resolving the problem.

Other neuromas may also result from surgical trauma or serious injuries, such as from a lawn mower accident.

Should you experience dull or severe burning pain in your foot, especially in the area of the base of the toes, two, three, and/or four, see your podiatric physician for an evaluation. A neuroma can make life miserable, but the treatment is effective.

Christmas Gift Certificates

In response to a request from the New Community Social Services Department for contributions for Christmas giving, Supermarkets General Corporation donated gift certificates.

Mr. Robert E. Wunderle, Economist and Vice-President for Public Affairs

stated that the certificates are redeemable at any of their stores for merchandise chosen by the recipient.

We look forward to Supermarkets General Corporation's Pathmark grand opening in the Central Ward and thank them for their contribution.

NC Commons Seniors Have Fun!



The hardworking, cheerful crowd behind the scenes (above) makes possible the joyful revelry among good friends (below).



Roseville Seniors' Christmas Party



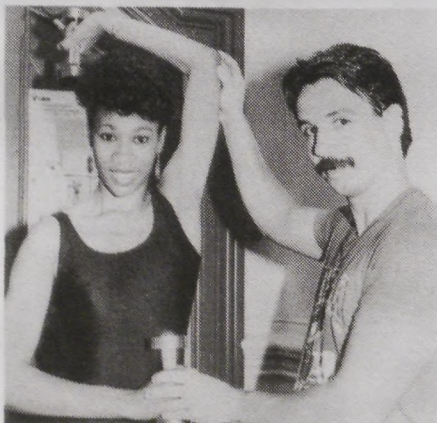
Joseph Farese and Irene Williams, long-time members of the Roseville Senior Citizens Club, have a chance to reminisce while the band plays old-time favorites.

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Call Babyland's Essex County Family Violence Project at 484-4446. In the Caldwell area, call PEACE at 226-6166.

NOW THERE IS HELP FOR YOU!

BEHIND THE SHELTER DOOR

Thanks to the Division on Women, Babyland's Shelter now is the proud owner of a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD). This machine gives us access to phone calls by deaf persons who have, until now, not been able to call us for help. A whole population of people heretofore unreachable may now have access to our shelter as well as its many supportive services.

Domestic violence is a widespread problem and we do not like to exclude anyone from immediate assistance or crises intervention. We are excited about the new service we can provide and look forward to aiding the deaf victim of domestic violence.

We are also embarking upon another new area. The New Jersey Division on Women in conjunction with the State Coalition for Battered Women is beginning to see the need for training in new areas - namely clergy and workers for the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS).

Sister Clare Elton, the program coordinator, will be making contact with clergy persons of various

denominations to involve them in the training program. Women frequently will seek the assistance of their pastors during these crises situations and therefore it is important for them to know about the shelter and its services as well as the laws regarding the crime of domestic violence.

The Division of Youth and Family Services has a great number of field workers who see violence in homes everyday. In some cases the abuse involves only the children, but in a great many cases the women are also being beaten. We have all heard about these cases recently on television or in our newspapers.

Sister Clare and others throughout the State of New Jersey are attempting to address the problem through another angle, i.e. DYFS. A training for trainers session was held in September and October and the case workers in Essex County will soon be asked to attend training sessions in their area. We want to be involved with those families who need help so domestic violence can be eliminated as one of the serious problems our society faces.

Newton Street Notes

On Monday, December 21, 1987, Ms. Yolanda Hernandez's and Ms. Lillian Roth's 6th grade classes presented a play entitled "Will Someone Please Tell Me What A Kwanzaa Is?" to the faculty, students and parents of Newton Street School.

The play, created and directed by Ms. Hernandez, centered around a young boy named Kelvin who is trying to find out what Kwanzaa is. Neither Kelvin's mother, father, nor his teacher are able to explain to him

the meaning of Kwanzaa. Fortunately, the neighborhood children (played by the combined 6th grade classes) come to the rescue. All dressed in the red, black and green colors significant to the Kwanzaa celebration in particular, and to African-American people in general, the children offer Kelvin a thorough explanation of the Kwanzaa celebration, including the meaning of Kwanzaa symbols, practices and principles attached to the African-American holiday.



Yolanda Hernandez lights the first candle for unity.

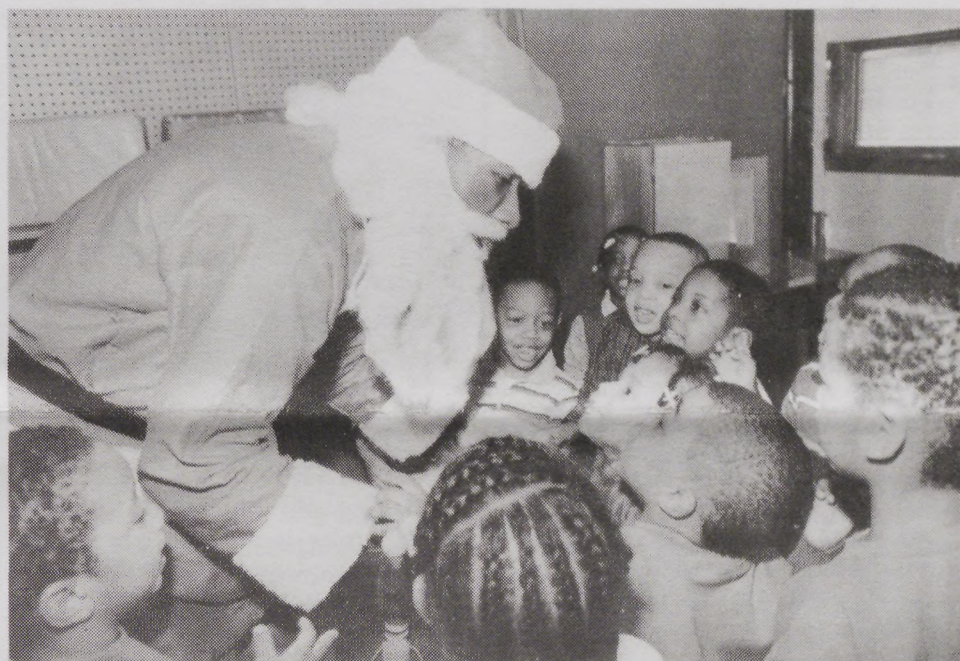


Happiness is a crisp new notebook from Santa.

Kids Make It Christmas



Don Pepe's Restaurant hosted many little Babylanders for lunch, assisted here by Fireman Tom Szigeti, from Engine Company #7.



Attention is riveted on Santa Claus at Babyland III as he makes mental notes of each child's wishes.

Bruce Street Lights Sparkle

Sparkling colorful lights transformed Bruce Street between 14th and 15th Avenues into a fantasy land this Christmas.

Families in New Community Commons and Manor complexes got into the spirit by decorating houses, railings and trees, brightening the spirits of all.

It says much when people decorate their living rooms with mistletoe, candles, and Christmas trees to give pleasure to family and friends.

It says even more when the glow inside extends out, spreading the cheery warm message of Christmas into the cold, into the darkness, even into the hearts of strangers.

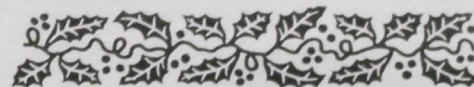
Decorating with lights really caught on this year, as neighbor after neighbor got into the act of beautification. It's great to be in a neighborhood that "lights up our life, and gives us hope to carry on."

It would be wonderful if other New Community neighborhoods would plug into this great morale building activity next Christmas.

Meantime, have a New Year as brilliant and beautiful as Bruce Street.



A rainbow of twinkling lights welcomes visitors at the Perry residence on Bruce Street.



Senior Calendar For January

- Friday, Jan. 1 - Happy New Year
- Sunday, Jan. 3 - Epiphany
- Tuesday, Jan. 12 - Senior Advisory Board at 545 Orange Street, 1 p.m. (NC Manor)
- Friday, Jan. 15 - Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Dinner at Manor Senior, 545 Orange, \$5.00 donation - 5 to 8 p.m.
- Monday - Jan. 18 - Holiday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed
- Friday - Jan. 22 - International Night at St. Rose School Auditorium - 8 to 11 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 12 - Lincoln's Birthday
- Saturday, Feb. 13 - Valentine's Dance at 545 Orange Street
- Sunday, Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Family Advisory Board Gift

Last Summer NCC Social Services Department had a break in, and as a result a lot of office equipment was taken.

The Family Advisory Board was very concerned, as they felt Social Services is always so willing to lend a hand to help the residents in New Community Corporation. Out of their concern and knowing that these items could not be replaced, the Advisory Board decided to donate a gift to the youth lounge.

On Friday, December 11, 1987 at the Families Christmas Party, the Families Advisory Board presented the Social Services Department with the gift for the After School Program, which will benefit all of our youths.

We would like to say thanks to the Family Advisory Board for their concern. We appreciate their hard work and community spirit.

Lorraine Woolridge
Social Worker for families

Volunteers For Project Back

NCC residents along with some residents outside of New Community are volunteers for Project Back which is a program to combat the current dropout rate in the Newark High Schools.

The volunteers are: Marilyn Reed; Ida Fletcher; Juanita Williams; Thelma Reed and Cornell McDaniels. These volunteers work with the high schools in our ward which are West Kinney Alternative High School and Central High.

The volunteers play an important role in trying to help the students understand the importance of staying in school and attending regularly. Volunteers visit with the students' parents at least twice a month to discuss students' progress. In addition, the volunteers provide advice and counseling to the students at school or at some other locations as needed. They also serve on the attendance committee of the high schools.

This is a very valuable service to our youths. We are very proud of these volunteers. Keep up the good work.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Project Back volunteer contact Social Services at 623-6114.

At Your (Social) Service

by the Staff of NCC Social Services Department

Sounds Of Cherubim

It is always a joy to hear all the melodious sounds this holiday season brings. Every store has a carol playing to attract you inside. Carollers on street corners bring smiles to many faces. Church bells sound and the air is filled with a heavenly grace. No sound is more heart warming than that of the pure singing voices of children, especially when they happen to be the voices of the apprentice chorus of the prestigious Newark Boys Chorus.

During December the apprentice chorus which is made up of the 5th

Academic potential and musical aptitude are the principal criteria for admission to the Chorus School. Once admitted, each student's potential is nurtured in an educational experience so intensive that by the eighth grade, the class tests two or three years above their peers nationwide.

Presently, the school has 46 boys enrolled, and is looking to increase this to 60 and possibly 72 by the addition of the fourth grade class. The principal is Mr. Lawrence Emery and there are five teachers on staff. Tui-



Director Steve Lawrence joins his apprentice chorus of the Newark Boys Chorus after a resounding performance at NC Associates.

and 6th grade students, came to New Community to sing for our seniors, handicapped and disabled. The 12 young men were directed by Mr. Steven Lawrence and accompanied by Mr. Donald Morris. The discipline and grace these young men displayed was overwhelming as they arranged themselves before the piano. Each was perfectly dressed in gray pants topped by a navy blazer, white stiff collar shirt and bow tie. As if their appearance wasn't spellbinding enough, they opened their mouths and brought forth fine tuned sounds. Each note struck the proper chord and the blending of their voices made the heart swell. As part of their training these youngsters also learn to sing in languages; this they did with ease as they sang a familiar Geman song, "O Tannenbaum" and a popular Italian carol.

Some background into the Newark Boys Chorus will show us that they are now celebrating their 20th anniversary season, and have been heard all over the world. In the spring of 1985, the Newark Boys Chorus gained national and international renown when they toured the People's Republic of China as the first such Western organization to do so in modern Chinese history. They have also appeared in Japan and at the Vatican.

All Newark Boys Chorus Members attend the Newark Boys Chorus School, a full-time academic school for grades five through eight located at Symphony Hall in Newark. Next year the school is planning to expand to include the fourth grade as well.

tion is at \$1000 per student but it costs \$13,000 per student. Through singing the chorus raises 15 to 20% of the school's annual budget when they appear in concerts.

Many of the graduates go on to fine prep schools and academies, even as far as Yale and Harvard University. One graduate well known in the Newark area is Derrick Regan.

As one can see these young men are truly devoted and hard working. It is a pleasure to see such talent coming from our youth and we wish them continued success in all their endeavors.

Joyce Cook

New Community RIF Project

Washington, D.C.—The NCC RIF project conducted by the NCC Social Service Department has been awarded one of many **Give the Gift of Literacy** grants to local RIF projects for outstanding service in motivating youngsters to read. The grant will be used to purchase books for children.

Through the work of local volunteers and the guidance of national RIF headquarters in Washington, D.C., the NCC RIF Project program hopes to inspire children to read through planned reading-related activities and by making it possible for youngsters to choose and to own books that interest them, without cost to them or their families. In the next year the RIF program established in the After School Program located at 220 Bruce Street and St. Rose School, will enable area youngsters to become the proud owners of some 516 books.

"The **Give the Gift of Literacy** grant will help us continue providing a wide variety of books that awaken and nourish youngsters' interest in reading," said Mowbrey I. McKinley, the project coordinator. "RIF's unique approach makes youngsters **want** to read. And the more they read, the more their skills improve."

Founded in 1966, Reading Is Fundamental is a national nonprofit organization that helps children discover the joy and importance of reading through a nationwide network of 3,100 local projects such as this one in New Community Corporation. RIF also assists parents who want to encourage reading in the home.

Contributions of more books or funds will be greatly appreciated as this will enable the children of this community to enjoy the benefits of an expanded program.

The Social Services Department renders a broad variety of services and programs to all of the residents of NCC from youngsters to seniors.

Any corporation, foundation or individual wishing to contribute to this project or any other project of the Social Services Department please contact Ms. McKinley at 623-6114.

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Buffet until 8:00 p.m.

Cash Bar

After School Program News

The end of 1987 was very busy for the NCC After School Program at 220 Bruce Street.

On November 23, the After School Program had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for all the children involved in the program. VISTA workers Mae Harper, Orelia Stevens, Bertha Brown, Marlene Martin and Michelle Wilson donated many dishes including the 25 lbs. turkey. They all put a great deal of time and effort into fixing the dishes

at St. Rose of Lima School won the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) poster contest for NCC's After School Program.

RIF is a Washington based group which promotes the importance of reading to children, in communities across the United States. The poster contest winner was chosen on the basis of the entry which was most artistic and best illustrated the joys of reading. Anita's poster was sent to Washington D.C. where it will be



Thom Mannard and Vista worker Marlene Martin spread Christmas joy to eager recipients.

which made the dinner a success.

Included on the menu were of course, the turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, collard greens and many other Thanksgiving treats including pumpkin pie.

On December 17, the youngsters in the program celebrated Christmas. First they went to the NCC Extended Care Facility and sang Christmas Carols for an appreciative crowd there. Then, they came back to 220 Bruce Street where they exchanged gifts with other kids in the program, and also received gifts from some generous NCC senior citizens who donated the gifts for the youth.

Poster Contest

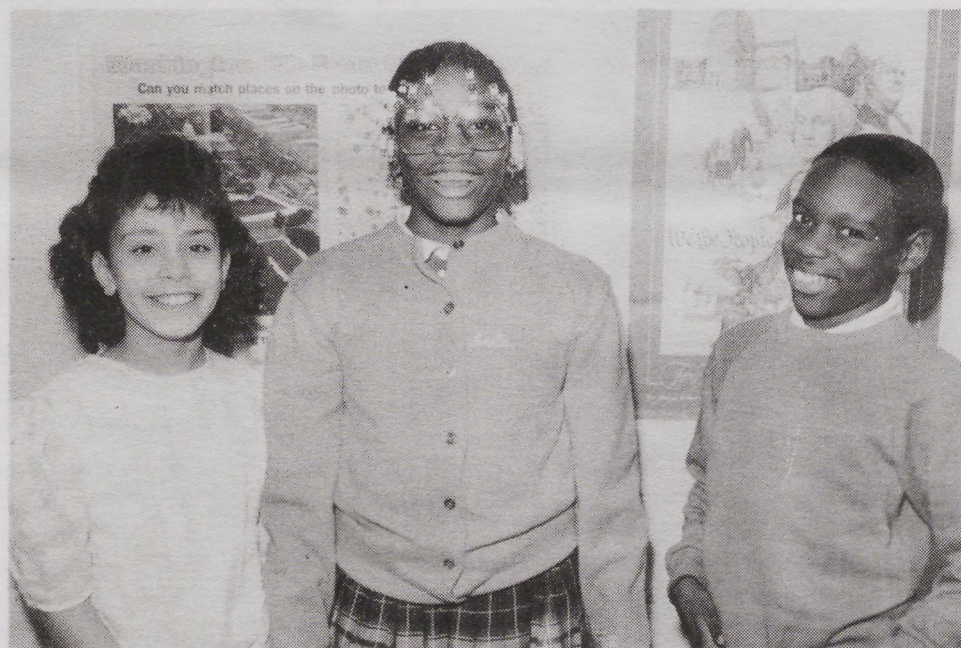
In other After School Program news, Anita Peterson, a sixth grader

judged in the final contest which will have entries from all across the U.S.A. Congratulations Anita and good luck in the national competition!

Ronnie Obley, a sixth grader at Camden Middle School and Mildred Riviera, a fifth grader at Newton Street School, were runners up in the competition. Thank you to all who participated in the contest.

Finally, the After School Program announced its Outstanding Students for the Fall of 1987. They are Mutaquim Moses, a first grader at Newton Street School, Shanee Dozier, a second grader at Newton Street School and Shawn Wright, a fifth grader at Newton Street. Congratulations to these students and keep up the good work in 1988.

Thom Mannard



First prize winner Anita Peterson (center) is flanked by Mildred Rivera (2nd place) and Ronnie Obley (3rd place).

Caring Tenants Are Precious At Douglass-Harrison Homes

Because of its fine reputation, New Community housing is always in great demand. Every one of its buildings and complexes has a long list of prospective tenants waiting to be screened.

Successful placement goes far beyond filling empty apartments. A tenant coming to New Community will be moving into an already established neighborhood. Sr. Anne Quirk, the new manager at NC Douglass-Harrison is trying to strengthen that neighborhood spirit by finding ways to give residents more input about who their new neighbors will be.

When an application arrives at the top of the waiting list for Douglass-Harrison, Social Services workers pay a visit to the prospective tenant, do an initial assessment, and give their recommendation to the manager. If the applicant's chances of getting into Douglass-Harrison are good, thought is given to placement, taking the character of the various buildings into consideration. Tenants of the building chosen meet with the applicant to discuss what living at Douglass-Harrison means to them, and what is expected of anyone moving in. Later they discuss their impressions of the prospective tenants with the manager. If this process results in a placement, the new tenant will have probationary status for 90 days, to insure that favorable first impressions will be lasting.

Now that construction of new affordable housing has reached a plateau for lack of available funds, attention is being focused on quality of life in NCC's many neighborhoods. Tenants who care about their units, buildings, and grounds are precious and sought after.

It does not take much imagination to list desirable and undesirable qualities in prospective tenants. Managers and social services workers are experienced in making such assessments. This new process gives future neighbors some say about who comes into their neighborhoods.

Douglass-Harrison is a 754 unit, six story brick housing complex extending from Muhammed-Ali Boulevard to Montgomery Avenue on Barclay Street and Somerset Street in Newark's Central Ward. Between the buildings is a grassy park area.

Prudential Insurance Company built Douglass-Harrison as a pilot project in 1934; NCC acquired it in 1984.

Many Douglass-Harrison tenants have been in residence since the beginning, and have seen many changes over the years, some of which have not been good. An attempt is being made to bring back the feeling of better times. Closer screening of prospective tenants, featuring involvement of tenants in the process, is one of many projects being undertaken to enhance living conditions.

Sister Mary Ellen Bennett

New Community Homes Court Is On The Move

From the Desk of this Manager, I give Holiday Greetings to the residents of New Community Corporation and in particular the residents of NC Homes Court.

We started our Committee/Council approximately six months ago and the work has not gone unnoticed. You all deserve applause and a standing ovation. Never have I seen so much concern, participation and accomplishment completed in such a short period of time. We have listened and learned from each other.

Although some things are still being worked on, I wish to share your accomplishments with everyone, especially those that felt you and I would fail.

We now have Building Captains for each building, daily hall and property monitoring, monthly property reports to your Manager, monthly Committee meetings, a monthly Tenants meeting, tenant evening patrols, the Bring a Friend Project, community bulletin notices delivered on a timely basis to each household and door to door solicitation for our Weatherization Program. Because of your help, we now have less than twenty Weatherization applications to be completed.

NC Homes Court is also registered as a Block Watch Crime Prevention Community. And many of you went out of your way to support the efforts put forth by Georgia Ransome regarding our City Hall visit to support the Shopping Center for New Community residents and surrounding community.

Other NC Homes residents became

very involved with setting up seminars and workshops for Drug Abuse and Alcoholism and many tenants and their children participated in these events.

The change in attitude of NC Homes residents as a result of better communication inroads is a source of pride. The perseverance of the tenants to open lines of communication resulted in a great opportunity to solve our respective problems and benefit every family living here.

We still have to complete our work on the proposed community room, and we will get our new laundry room equipment in the very near future, of all this I am sure.

So before I go, again HATS OFF! to the many supporters of NC Homes Court. In particular I sincerely thank Cornell McDaniels, Paula McDaniels, Annie Fraizer, Mary Watson, Margaret Gomez, Juanity Closson, Ann Brown, Mary Best, Nettie Kirkland, Lori McGriff, Clara Slappy, Jane Isom, Marie Thomas, Martha Williams, Joyce Faulks, Alice Persons, Lula Kennedy, Yvonne Green, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byard. And I appreciated the genuine assistance of Mr. Michael Davis, Assistant Director of Management, Georgia Ransome, Public Relations/Tenant Advocate, Lorraine Woolridge and Sister Mary Ellen, Social Services Department. Last but not least special thanks to Bob West, Ricky Alberran, Bryant Hall and all of our maintenance department for NC Homes.

We look forward to a terrific 1988!

Mrs. Suzanne Rhodes

St. Rose Begins Centennial Year

On December 6, 1987 we here at Saint Rose of Lima Parish heard, — "The church is beautiful. I haven't been here since 1940." And, "Ohoooo — the lights in the church have made such a difference." "It's over forty years since I was here. I have so many fond memories," said another. "The day I heard our Sisters were leaving, I was heartbroken. What the Sisters, Priests, and people have done is a miracle. Today's celebration is a healing," was also heard.

"The many nationalities worshipping together at the Centennial Celebration of St. Rose brought joy to my heart. All were as one on that day," commented Sr. Clare Terrance.

Sr. Regina M. Neary told us, "Before the Church was built, my grandparents kept the sacred vessels in their home. A skating rink was on the corner of Orange and Fifth Street across from the 5th Precinct Station. Sister Zoe, from Convent Station and her companions taught religion classes in the rink after Mass. My grandparents had the Sisters remain for dinner before returning to their convent in another area. Both my parents were married and buried from Saint Rose...I have over 80 years of memories of our dear Saint Rose."

The echoes of the joyous refrains from our opening celebration for the One Hundredth Anniversary are now fading. The Christmas story begins. We are tucking our memories away for another time.

It was glorious to witness the flags of thirty-two nations representing people from the past and of the present. Flag bearers processed down the aisle. As each flag was raised to its place of dignity, the name of the country was announced. There was electricity in the air as the choir sang, "All people shall see together

No matter how diverse
It's a Small World After All."

In friendship with one another Saint Rose Parish gave thanks to God, during the bi-lingual liturgy, for the many favors so richly bestowed on them. A simple reception in the School Hall extended and enhanced the friendly and festive feeling of all participants.



Still elegant after 100 years, St. Rose's imposing facade brings a classic beauty to the area.



Anniversary mass is presided over by St. Rose's pastor, Msgr. William J. Linder, accompanied by his co-celebrants.



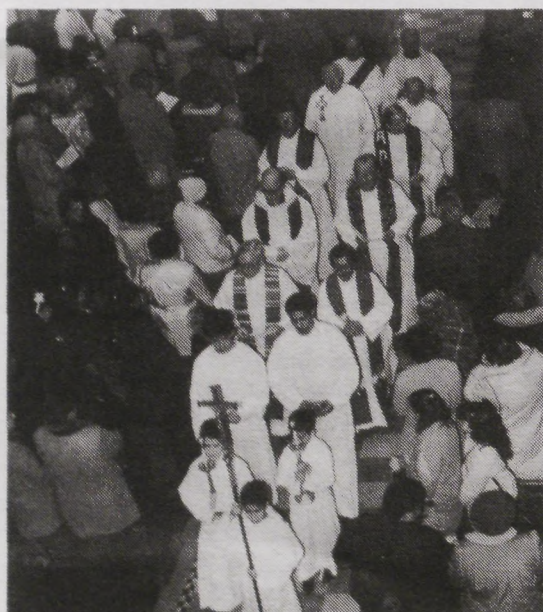
The Spanish Choir contributes its cultural flavor to the occasion.



The Gothic magnificence of St. Rose complements the impressive ceremony.



Flags of all nations are carried in procession.



The Centennial celebration comes to a close.



Emily Ross proudly leads her acclaimed children's choir at the Mass.

The next celebration for our anniversary:

International Night
Friday, January 22nd
Saint Rose of Lima
School Hall

8:00-11:00 p.m.

Celebrate Our Heritage

Come in your Cultural Costume
Tickets - \$5.00

